

Table B-9a. Amount owed for undergraduate loans by 1999 and 2000 science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients, by major field of degree: April 2001

Major field of 1999-2000 S&E bachelor's degree	Total	Amount owed ¹			
		Did not owe	\$1-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$24,999	\$25,000 or more
All science and engineering fields.....	758,300	359,900	106,500	205,900	86,000
Total science.....	649,000	306,100	92,500	177,200	73,300
Computer and information sciences.....	61,500	31,000	10,700	13,000	6,800
Life and related sciences, total.....	159,400	75,300	22,500	43,500	18,100
Agricultural and food sciences.....	16,700	7,800	2,600	5,000	S
Biological sciences.....	129,700	61,200	17,600	35,300	15,800
Environmental life sciences including forestry science.....	13,000	6,300	2,300	3,300	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	24,400	11,400	4,100	7,000	1,900
Physical and related sciences, total.....	32,200	16,300	4,700	8,100	3,100
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	17,800	9,000	3,000	4,200	1,600
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	7,600	3,700	900	2,400	600
Physics and astronomy.....	6,300	3,200	700	1,500	900
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	152,900	69,000	20,000	47,200	16,800
Social and related sciences, total.....	218,700	103,100	30,600	58,400	26,600
Economics.....	37,800	20,500	3,200	10,300	3,700
Political science and related sciences.....	70,200	33,300	9,900	19,500	7,500
Sociology and anthropology.....	69,100	30,200	10,900	18,900	9,000
Other social sciences.....	41,700	19,000	6,500	9,700	6,400
Total engineering.....	109,200	53,800	14,000	28,700	12,700
Aerospace and related engineering.....	2,200	1,200	200	400	300
Chemical engineering.....	10,800	5,300	1,200	3,000	1,400
Civil and architectural engineering.....	16,800	7,800	1,900	5,100	2,000
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	34,200	17,300	4,200	8,900	3,700
Industrial engineering.....	6,900	3,900	1,100	1,500	S
Mechanical engineering.....	25,800	13,200	3,400	5,700	3,500
Other engineering.....	12,600	5,100	2,000	4,100	1,400

¹ The amount owed represents the amount of outstanding undergraduate debt the respondent reported on the reference date of the survey.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding. These estimates of 1999 and 2000 college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 2001